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In re the Application of

Batch/Confirmation No.: 7395

Yoshihiro TSUCHIYA et al.

Allowed: May 20, 2004

Group Art Unit: 2653

Application No.: 09/769,760

Examiner: George J. Letscher

Filed: January 26, 2001

Docket No.: 108337

For: MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER AND METHOD OF
MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

**REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE AND PUBLICATION
FEES TO THE NEW NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the new Notice of Allowance mailed May 20, 2004 for the above-identified application, please apply the previously paid Issue and Publication Fees to the new Notice of Allowance.

The Issue and Publication Fees were paid on December 3, 2003 in the amount of \$1,630.00 (check No. 148853) on the original Notice of Allowance mailed September 3, 2003. However, subsequently, a Petition for Withdrawal from Issue was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 30, 2004, which was granted by the Office of Petitions on May 13, 2004.

The Patent Office indicated that the Issue and Publication Fees could be applied to a subsequent Notice of Allowance. A copy of the Petition's grant is enclosed with this request.

Thus, Applicants request that the Issue and Publication Fees paid on December 3, 2003 be applied to the May 20, 2004 Notice of Allowance.

Please charge and fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 15-0461.

Should there be any questions concerning this matter, the appropriate officials at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office are requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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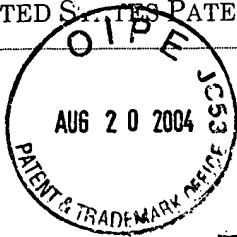
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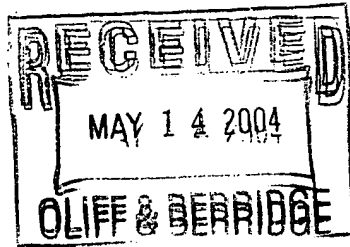


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Attorney Docket No. 108337

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2) to withdraw the above-identified application from issue after payment of the issue fee, filed May 11, 2004.


The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application is withdrawn from issue for consideration of a submission under 37 CFR 1.114 (request for continued examination). See 37 CFR 1.313(c)(2).

Petitioner is advised that the issue fee paid, December 3, 2003, in the above-identified application cannot be refunded. If, however, the above-identified application is again allowed, petitioner may request that it be applied towards the issue fee required by the new Notice of Allowance.¹

Telephone inquiries relating to this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-9220.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 2653 for further processing of the request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.


Sherry D. Brinkley
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Office of Petitions
Office of the Deputy Commissioner
for Patent Examination Policy

¹The request to apply the issue fee to the new Notice may be satisfied by completing and returning the new Issue Fee Transmittal Form PTOL-85(b), which includes the following language thereon: "Commissioner for Patents is requested to apply the Issue Fee and Publication Fee (if any) or re-apply any previously paid issue fee to the application identified above." Petitioner is advised that, whether a fee is indicated as being due or not, the Issue Fee Transmittal Form must be completed and timely submitted to avoid abandonment. Note the language in bold text on the first page of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due (PTOL-85).

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APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/769,760	01/26/2001	Yoshihiro Tsuchiya	108337	7395

TITLE OF INVENTION: MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER, THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING MAGNETIC TRANSDUCER AND METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THIN FILM MAGNETIC HEAD

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$0	\$0	\$0	08/20/2004

EXAMINER	ART UNIT	CLASS-SUBCLASS
LETSCHER, GEORGE J	2653	360-324000

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(Date)

Yong S. Choi, Reg. No. 43,824 August 20, 2004

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